

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bob Lee for continuing to promote racial harmony and peace among all people through his artwork; and

WHEREAS, After a life spent as an activist, organizer, and social worker, Bob became an artist, and he has found another avenue to spread his message of hope and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Bob started making collages seven years ago after his cousin and childhood friend James Byrd, Jr., was killed in Jasper; a former Black Panther, Bob wanted to promote peace among all people through his art; and

WHEREAS, In mixed media pieces dealing with such issues as reparations, discrimination, and the HIV/AIDS crisis, Bob photocopies photographs and clippings from newspapers and magazines and colors them with markers, blending personal passions with mass distribution; he distributes copies of his collages to anyone who might be interested in them and also sends copies to the subjects of his work; and

WHEREAS, Bob's work has been displayed at galleries throughout the state, including the South Austin Museum of Popular Culture; his work is being shown in a one-man exhibit at DiverseWorks in Houston from July 9 through August 5, 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Bob Lee for his innovative art and his work in advancing better understanding among all people; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 25, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate